

## Horse Department.

## THE MORGAN REGISTER.

A Register intended to include all stallions of merit that trace in direct male line to Justin Morgan and having at least one sixty-fourth of his blood. All such stallions foaled in or before 1880 are admitted free. A fee of one dollar is charged for registering each stallion foaled since 1880, and for each mare whenever foaled. All mares are eligible that have the descent and inheritance above prescribed for stallions. The first volume, the final sheets of which are now being revised for the press, will contain about four thousand pedigrees, carefully compiled from original sources, a sketch of the origin and history of the great Morgan family, and much other new and original matter. The book will be illustrated with portraits of Morgan horses, and handsomely and substantially bound. The price is not yet fixed, but will be as low as can be afforded, so that the work may be widely distributed. The work has been done throughout on the plan of first exhausting all practicable means of getting and verifying information, discriminating rigidly between what is known and what is unknown, and setting down nothing as ascertained which is in doubt. Sources of information will be given in each pedigree so that every reader can verify the work for himself. Full descriptions of the animals registered will be given, and tables showing the merits of the Morgans, as compared with other families, for both speed and endurance on the track, will be appended. Entries will be received for a short time further, and blanks furnished on application. Address

JOSEPH BATELL,  
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## BLIND LEADERS.

"For indeed, my dear fellow, the design which you meditate of teaching what you do not know, and have not taken any pains to learn, is downright insanity."—Socrates.

The following is clipped from the Lewiston (Me.) Journal and seems to have originated in that blaze of knowledge which illuminates the modern Athens. It is taken at random from the thousand current illustrations of the teaching to others what the teacher himself does not know. The object of the article is to commend Gov. Benton, a chestnut stallion now nine years old that has a race record of 2:24, which his owners, unwisely as it seems to us, have seen fit to exchange for a so-called "time" record of 2:22. His trotting career has been creditable, he having been on the turf in 1888 and 1890, trotting in all 18 races, five of which he won. None more readily than we will acknowledge the merit of Gov. Benton, and none more keenly appreciate the remarkable success of the family from which he springs. But the fact is that the family sprung up, as it were, by accident, as did the famous family of The Moor by Clay Pilot, in whose case, as in the present, splendid results have been achieved by following paths other than those pointed out by the recognized guides of the day. Now, as soon as these results appear on the record, it is the fashion for the guides to point out, with whatever of unwarranted assumption or actual mendacity the case may require, that the paths followed were, if not precisely their own, at least parallel ways, having the same source and the same direction. It is for the purpose of illustrating this method, that we propose to dissect and examine this article:

## THE BENTONS.

There is a greatness to Hambletonian, says Spirit of the Hub, which cannot at the present time be eclipsed, as a progenitor of speed, but behind stands imported Messenger, a thoroughbred, a winner of races at running, but a trotter, and the founder for the most part of our wonderful creation, the trotting horse of America. Without stopping to inquire what part Justin Morgan, Grand Bashaw and Dismal had to do in creating such a marvel of excellence and good to the world, let us run back to the beginning and see if all the potency to trot and go fast, and to breed on, came from Messenger through his son Mambrino, who got Abdallah, sire of Hambletonian, and Mambrino Paymaster, sire of Mambrino Chief. Almack, son of Messenger, founded the champion family, quite large and well known. From Winthrop Messenger, his son, who partook largely of his wonderful qualities, there came a class of roadsters which the world has never seen equaled, and among them some game

## GRAND TROTTERS.

Belle of Portland, 2:26; Belle Strickland, 2:26; Sam Curtis, 2:28; Stranger, 2:30, foaled in 1850; W. H. Taylor, 2:29, foaled in 1857; Zac Taylor, 2:22 to saddle, 2:32 to wagon, Lew Petree, 2:20, foaled in 1860, and Fanny Pullen, dam of Trustee, the twenty-miler, descended from him. These were old-timers. When they were foaled it was not fashionable to breed 2:30 trotters, and Maine in those days was not excelled by the number which it put into the 2:30 list. It appears that there are other Messenger channels other than through his son Mambrino.

Now let us inquire if Mambrino's son Abdallah gave all his potency to Hambletonian. We find first that he begot four horses which entered the 2:30 list, and that seven of his daughters were the dams of trotters having marks of 2:30 or better. We also find that his son, Spaulding's Abdallah, got Rich's Hambletonian, and he got Jim Scott, who from Lady Benton sired these four stallions, Gen. Benton, Jefferson Prince, Major Benton and Sir Walter Scott, all four progenitors of speed. Gen. Benton, as is well known, got Sallie Benton, 2:17, Lord Byron, 2:18, and The Seer, 2:24, which records were all made at four years of age. He is also the sire of the dam of Suno, altogether he has fifteen in the list. Jefferson Prince has four and is noted as the sire of a fine class of carriage horses; Major Benton has two and one of these is Governor Benton, 2:24, out of a mare by Gen. Benton.

## TRACING TO THE FOUNTAIN HEAD.

The dam of Abdallah 1 was Amazonia, by imported Messenger. Spaulding's Abdallah's first dam was by Star Gazer, by Engineer, son of Messenger. Jim Scott's second dam was by Greenbush Hambletonian, son of Mambrino, by Messenger; Lady Benton's sire, Gray's Hambletonian, was by Bloomer's Hambletonian, by Andrews' by Judson's by Bishop's Hambletonian, and he by Messenger. The dam of Gray's Hambletonian was by Judson's Hambletonian; the second dam of Lady Benton was by Bush Messenger; the dam of Governor Benton was River Lily, by Gen. Benton, and here the lines to Messenger are duplicated. This makes no less than eighteen

distinct tracings to this great fountain head of speed. Gov. Benton is owned by Mr. John W. Knibbs of Worcester. He is a compact, handsome shaped horse and possesses great speed. Last year after a full season in the stud he trotted a mile in 2:24 over the track in Providence. He seems to possess the ability to train on and has such wonderful recuperating powers that he can put beats in up to his clip. George Moody Benton, owned at West Gray, Maine, by Mr. S. L. Adams, is another inbred Messenger and Benton. Either of these horses ought to be successful in the stud.

This is pretty much after the stereotyped plan. The first assumption always is that Messenger is, if not the sole, at least the principal source of all trotting speed, as if one were to assume that Sirius is the only star in the sky that really gives any light. Next, show by evidence, true and false, that speed descended from Messenger in other lines than through Mambrino. Next, assume that all lines to Messenger are speed-producing lines, then add to the true lines to Messenger, double or quadruple the number of spurious ones, ignore every other element of the breeding, and your Messenger pedigree is manufactured and stands henceforth another imposing pasteboard monument to the fame of the gray son of Mambrino.

Now to the blind leading of this article. We will number the specific errors and misstatements: (1) Almack was not a son, but a grandson of Messenger. (2) Winthrop Messenger was not a son of Messenger. No one knows who bred him, and the theory that he was by Messenger rests on the fact that he went from Long Island to Maine and was called a Messenger. But in his long and circumstantial advertisement in 1819 Alvan Hayward calls him "the good horse Messenger, that stock so well known and approved on Long Island, New York and Pennsylvania," but does not claim that the original Messenger was his sire. Moreover, he states in this advertisement that the horse is "eight years old" (1819), and Messenger died on the 28th of January, 1808. The most that can be claimed for Winthrop Messenger is that he was probably a grandson of imported Messenger. (3) That the blood of Winthrop Messenger, mingled with other strains, helped to produce good roadsters is true; but the statement that from him "came a class of roadsters which the world has never seen equaled" is foolishly extravagant.

(4) Now as to the "grand trotters" which in this article are assumed to stand solely to the credit of Messenger through his assumed son, and perhaps real grandson, Winthrop Messenger; it will be found on examination that this is mostly assumption. Belle of Portland was by the Witherell horse, as to whose paternity it is an open question whether he was by Winthrop Messenger or by Dolphin, a horse of no Messenger blood; and his dam is untraced. Witherell's dam, however, was by a Morgan horse standing in New Hampshire, generally conceded to have been Sherman Morgan, and his second dam was a mare that was when a filly taken up astray, and was of Morgan build and characteristics. If we conclude that Witherell was by Winthrop Messenger, he yet had as much of the blood of Justin Morgan as of Messenger and it is certainly as fair to credit the merit of Belle of Portland to the one as to the other. The sire of Belle Strickland was the Merrow horse, son of Witherell Messenger from a Morgan dam, and so was more Morgan than Messenger. Sam Curtis is in strange company; he was by the intensely inbred Morgan, Winthrop Morrill, and his dam by the Eaton horse by the Avery horse, son of Bucephalus; this Bucephalus has been called a son of Mambrino, but we know that this is without warrant; he was one of the unappropriated and was taken by the Messenger clique, after their fashion. We have traced this horse far enough to know that nothing whatever was or could have been known of his blood. At the proper time this history will be given to the public. Lew Petree was by the Benson horse, son of the Crawford horse brought from Canada, a horse with no suggestion of Messenger blood, and was from a dam of unknown pedigree. Why is he classed in with the Messengers? W. H. Taylor was by this same Crawford horse and perhaps gets one thirty-second part of his blood from Messenger through his dam, a daughter of the Witherell horse, and of course gets as much or more Morgan blood the same way. Stranger was by the Eaton horse, above mentioned, and from an unknown dam—no Messenger about him. Zac Taylor was by the Quimby horse, son of Winthrop Messenger, and perhaps Fanny Pullen was by the horse last named. But in a recent issue of the Monthly Mr. Wallace says of Fanny Pullen, "James Pullen came all the way from Maine and fully identified her under oath as a mare he had bred." If this identification was correct, Fanny Pullen was by Quicksilver and not by Winthrop Messenger, although Mr. Wallace, knowing of course more about the matter than Mr. Pullen, decided that Mr. Pullen was wrong and that the mare really belonged to his (Mr. Wallace's) favorite family.

On the whole this is not as bad as usual; four of the animals named might fairly, though with little significance, be set in the Messenger line, and only four strangers to the blood have been put in to help them out.

(5) We pass by the animals credited to Abdallah, as they are found in the books of the chief Blind Leader of the day, although some of the dams named as his daughters are spurious. For instance, the dam of Susie Parker, 2:25, was by a son of Abdallah, and the dam

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